

Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Goodwin, Vice-Chair Nelson, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of House Bill 2091, This bill is essential for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, as it delays penalties under the Health Care Cost Growth Target program until 2026.

In the current economic climate, it is imperative that providers and payers are given the necessary time and resources to meet performance targets and improve healthcare delivery. The delay in penalties will provide them with the breathing room they need to make meaningful changes without the added pressure of financial penalties.

Furthermore, the sunseting of this bill in 2027 will ensure that performance improvement plans and financial penalties are once again imposed in a timely manner, keeping providers and payers accountable for their actions.

I firmly believe that House Bill 2091 is a critical step in the right direction for improving health care delivery in the state of Oregon. The declaration of emergency and the immediate passage of this bill will provide the necessary support for providers and payers to make the necessary changes to meet performance targets and improve healthcare delivery.

I urge the members of the Committee to support House Bill 2091 and ensure its passage into law. This bill is essential for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety. It will provide a much-needed respite for providers and payers, allowing them to focus on improving healthcare delivery for the people of Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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